

## LESSON LVII.

*Spell and define—*

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| VALES, valleys.                   | 6. DE-SCRY', to see, discover.               |
| TREM'U-LOUS, quivering.           | MA'NI-AC, mad, deranged.                     |
| SHRIEK, a shrill cry or scream.   | 9. CHAM'OIS, a wild animal of the goat kind. |
| FREN'ZIED, affected with madness. | 10. SHRED, narrow strip, fragment.           |

## THE VULTURE OF THE ALPS.

I've been among the mighty Alps, and wandered through  
 their vales,  
 And heard the honest mountaineers relate their dismal  
 tales,  
 As round the cottage blazing hearth, when their daily  
 work was o'er,  
 They spake of those who disappeared, and ne'er were  
 heard of more.

And there I from a shepherd heard a narrative of fear,  
 A tale to rend a mortal heart, which mothers might not  
 hear :

The tears were standing in his eyes, his voice was tremu-  
 lous ;  
 But wiping all those tears away, he told his story thus :

"It is among these barren cliffs the ravenous vulture  
 dwells,  
 Who never fattens on the prey which from afar he  
 smells ;  
 But, patient, watching hour on hour upon a lofty rock,  
 He singles out some truant lamb, a victim, from the  
 flock.

"One cloudless Sabbath summer morn, the sun was ris-  
 ing high,  
 When, from my children on the green, I heard a fearful  
 cry,